

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please amend the specification as follows:**

**At page 5, please replace the second full paragraph with the following new paragraph:**

a<sup>1</sup> Also, a rising (or falling) time of a word select signal becomes slow at the far end portion of a word line when compared with that at the near end portion on the side of an X address decoder, and, therefore, a read out speed of cell data becomes slow at the ~~hte~~ far end portion of a word line.